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**SISTER JEAN PATRICE HARRINGTON, BETTY ROGGE MORSE TO RECEIVE  
HONORARY DEGREES DURING UD'S SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

DAYTON, Ohio — One is best known as a local television personality, the other as president of a Catholic college, but both are being honored for deeds that far transcend job descriptions.

More than 1,300 University of Dayton students will receive their diplomas and Sister Jean Patrice Harrington, S.C., and Betty Rogge Morse will be recognized for their service to the community during the spring graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 9, at the UD Arena.

Of the 1,322 students, 1,073 will receive bachelor's degrees and 342 will receive master's degrees. Seven students will receive doctoral degrees — four in educational leadership, two in engineering and one in biology.

Harrington, who will receive an honorary doctorate of education, is being recognized for improving education and the lives of children.

The Cincinnati resident served as president of her alma mater, the College of Mount St. Joseph, from 1977 to 1987. During that time, enrollment doubled and the school's budget, which was \$1.2 million in debt when she took over, was balanced by the time she left.

Also during her presidency at Mount St. Joseph, Harrington started a summer program that encourages inner-city youth to consider college and a career.

Harrington served on the board (1989-97) and as chair of the board of Miami University (1994-97), welcoming the new Red Hawks mascot and a new president. She has served as executive director of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (1988-90), as interim president of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (1997) and on bank, hospital and civic boards.

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Rogge, who will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters, was host of her own local talk show from 1967 to 1972, where she interviewed presidents and celebrities. She was the first woman president of Montgomery County Easter Seals, the first woman president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and one of the first women to serve on UD's board of trustees.

Rogge, who was a professor in the communication department between 1977 to 1985, served three terms on the University's board of trustees and as president of UD's Mothers' Club, and she co-chaired the national campaign to build the Physical Activities Center in 1977.

The Dayton resident is a member of the University's advancement committee, the John Stuart Society and the Leo Meyer Society. She and her husband Wayne Morse Sr. were co-chairs of the University's Parents Association Board in 1979.

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